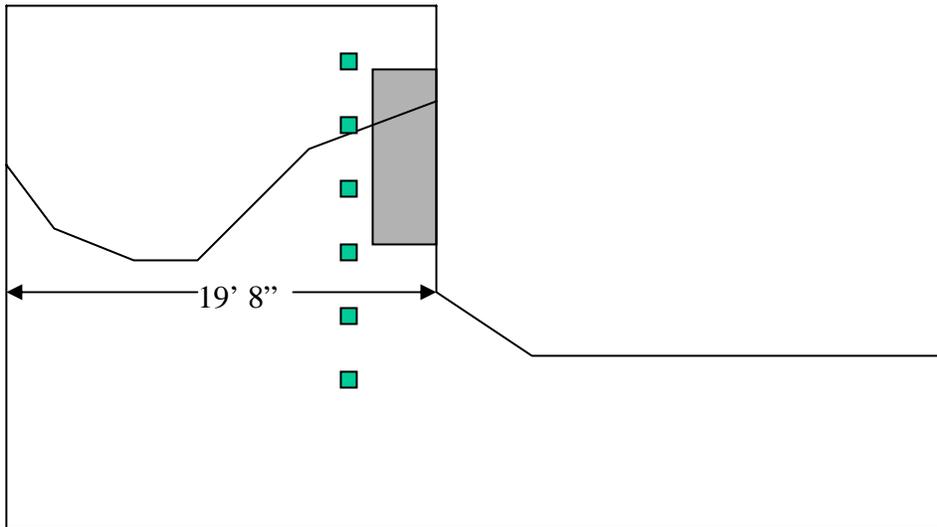




SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN

NEVER TRAVEL INBY SUPPORTED ROOF



On April 6th 2006, at approximately 10:30 AM, a continuous miner operator, operating from the deck of the continuous miner, located approximately four feet beyond the last permanent roof support was trapped when a piece of the mine roof measuring 9 feet by 20 feet fell. The miner was rescued after being trapped for approximately five minutes. A contusion to the Face was the only injury sustained. The miner was released to work the next day.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Always follow the approved roof control plan.
- **Never**, go inby roof support
- Miners exposed to danger from falls of roof, face, and ribs shall examine and test the roof, face and ribs before starting work or before starting a machine and as frequently thereafter as may be necessary to ensure safety.

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